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RE: Far West Water & Sewer, Inc. - Customer Comments
Docket No. WS-03478A-08-0608

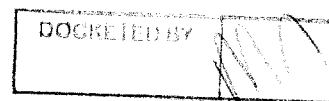
Please docket the attached 110 customer comments OPPOSING the above filed rate case.

Customer comments can be reviewed in E-docket under the above docket number.

Filed by: Utilities Division – Consumer Services

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WS-03478A-08-0608

ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM

Investigator: Richard Martinez

Phone: [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED]

Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion **No.** 2009 76816

Date: 2/20/2009

Complaint Description: 08A Rate Case Items - Opposed
N/A Not Applicable

First:

Last:

Complaint By: **Steve & Linda**

Washburn

Account Name: Steve & Linda Washburn

Home: [REDACTED]

Street: [REDACTED]

Work:

City: Yuma

CBR:

State: AZ Zip: 85367

is:

Utility Company: **Far West Water & Sewer, Inc.**

Division: Water

Contact Name: [REDACTED]

Contact Phone: [REDACTED]

Nature of Complaint:

(WS-03478A-08-0608)

From: Linda Washburn [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2009 4:34 PM
To: Utilities Div - Mailbox
Subject: Docket # WS-03478A-08-0608

YOUR NAME DATE Steve Washburn 02/19/2009

ADDRESS

, CITY, STATE AND ZIP YOUR PHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: DOCKET NUMBER request for an emergency rate increase WS-03478A-08-0608

CASE OR UTILITY NAME YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET Far West Water and Sewer CON

PRO CON OTHER

YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS [REDACTED]

This rate increase is very unfair and exorbitant. Far West Water has miss managed it's funds and is expecting their current customers to bail them out.
Far West Water and Sewer has made another request for increased rates. The first request is for over 200% additional over 2-3 years to about \$75. a month, docket # WS-03478A-08-0454. This second request for an emergency rate increase of 101.02% would make our rate go up to \$45.59 per month. I believe that they are

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concerned that their first request will fail, therefore they are scrambling and have asked for an emergency rate increase.

The majority of the customers are winter residents and only use the utilities for 3 - 6 months a year. Far West policy is that they require customers to pay all year weather they use the sewer or not. This is an unfair practice and as a winter resident customer I am paying over \$250 a year and only using the service for 5 months. This breaks down to over \$50 per month of usage. With the proposed increase my monthly usage would be over \$109 per month to a final rate of \$180 per month if passed.

Far West Water and Sewer also have had many fines against them and are expecting their customer base to bail them out. They have over extended themselves with new developments that under the current economic situation are not selling and could be unprofitable. The necessary revenue to maintain and upgrade the sewer system should come from the future customers from the new developments instead of the current customer base and having the future customer revenue as pure profit.

When you compare their rate to other utilities over the country the rate is way out of line. --

Steve & Linda Washburn

Winter Address

Yuma, AZ 85367


End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

I emailed this OPINION to Carmen Madrid @ ACC Phoenix Office to have this docketed towards Far West Water & Sewer, Inc. WS-03478A-08-0608. FILE CLOSED.

End of Comments

Date Completed: 2/20/2009

Opinion No. 2009 - 76816

Jan. 20, 2007

10493 S. Fall Ave
Yuma AZ 85365

Docket Number WS-03478A-08-0608

To Arizona Corporation Commission

I am a winter visitor property owner in the Foothills of Yuma AZ, Far West Water & Sewer Co. is who we have.

I am very upset. First they mail out letters that they want to raise our Sewer bill over 200%. Which has a lot of Property owners very angry, and they have started a petition drive to oppose the permanent rate hike.

Now we get a letter from Far West Water & Sewer, saying they have asked for Emergency rate increase which would be 109.6 %

The type of thinking by the Owners, the Schechter Family shows a total disregard for the recessive economic times and the people on fixed incomes who are suffering because of it. It appears the owners plan to have local residents, land owners & winter visitors of the Foothills area to pay for cost that are directly due to their own mistakes & mismanagements. As I said I am a winter visitor owner. When we brought our place, we did not have to pay a Sewer bill when we went back to our Home State. Then a couple years ago we were all told we will pay for 12 months out of the year. So over 60% of property owners in the Foothills area that are winter visitors owners are paying, and not using the Sewer, while there gone.

Tell me where all that money has
went.

This is not a time for a rate increase,
with unemployment way up. People
losing there Homes, Jobs, + Investment,
This Company needs to learn how to
tighten there belts.

I hope you will consider turning there
request down for this emergency rate
hike.

Thank You
Brenda Richmond

2/20/09

Docket Control
1200 W Washington
Phoenix AZ 85007

Re: Docket No. WS-03478A-08-0608
Far West Water & Sewer Co.
Request For Emergency Rate
increase.

Dear Sirs:

Having already written in
protest of a rate increase, I
must now write concerning
an Emergency Rate increase.

What is the emergency? and
Why such a huge increase?

I understand the sewer
Facility was under built/poorly
Planned initially. I also do not
see why we must pay for the

Development Group/Far West ②
Continual expansion/development.

Development Group/Far
West will stand to make
a Fortune on Present development
and should be expected to pay
their own expenses of that
Multi million dollar Potential
Profit.

I must Maintain there is
no emergency and no need
of such a huge increase.

Sincerely
Bill & Linda
McFarland

13430 S. Brentwood Way
Yuma AZ 85367

Friday, February 20, 2009

Docket No. WS-03478A-08-0608

**Arizona Corporation Commission
Docket Control
1200 W Washington
Phoenix AZ 85007**

As a consumer, I wish to protest the absurd raise in sewer fees that Far West has requested.

As a part-time resident with an RV on an RV lot in Vista Del Sol my usage is minimal.

All other services are provided by the City of Yuma. My water usage for 2007 was 3 hcf and also 3 hcf for 2008. With the Winter Visitor population starting to leave in the spring, Far West has far less effluent to treat, yet they want a rate increase far beyond reason.

In 2000. they shut off the sewer charge when we shut off the water with the City of Yuma. After a lawsuit for careless practices involving the death of one of their employees, Far West began charging for sewer year-round and raised the rate. Presently with more litigation on odor control and apparent failure to comprehend growth we are again expected to cover the short comings.

Sidney Christenson



**2925 N Mitch Dr
Tucson AZ 85719**

928 503-2245

Ted & Norma Bailey

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14312 E 49th St • Yuma, AZ 85367
Home Phone 928-342-6676

February 21, 2009

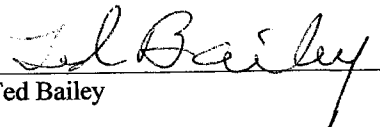
Arizona Corporation Commission Consumer Service Section
1200 West Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85367


Docket:#WS-03478A-08-0608

To Whom It May Concern:

We live at 14312 E 49th Street, Yuma, AZ 85367 - Phone number 928-342-6676. We are very concerned about the proposed Docket #WS-03478A-08-0454 with a proposed Sewer Rate increase of 100 percent. We are now paying \$21.75 a month and this would increase to \$45.59. We live in the Foothills area of Yuma, AZ and are snow birds and are here only six months a year. We are retired and on a fixed income which is declining every year. Most of the residences in the Foothills are owned by retired people. We feel this is an extreme amount of increase for the amount of usage.

Thank you for your consideration.


Ted Bailey


Norma Bailey

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YOUR NAME <i>Gus Gojenola</i>	DATE <i>2/24/09</i>
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>11571 S. Glenwood Ave Yuma AZ 85361</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>1-928-345-0148</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: Request for an Emergency Rate Increase	DOCKET NUMBER WS-03478A-08-0608
CASE OR UTILITY NAME Far West Water and Sewer Company	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS <i>GUSGOJ@earthlink.net</i>	

*This will ^{hurt} an awful lot OF US Senior Citizens
Step 3
most of us here for 6 months.*

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As it now stands, IF we use the water

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*in the summer time we get charged for sewer all
for water in winter*

This form may be completed electronically, printed and mailed to: *Even tho we are*
Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Section, 1200 W. Washington St.
Phoenix, Arizona 85007; *not using sewer*
or

You may e-mail it as an attachment to:
mailmaster@azcc.gov

MR. GUS GOJENOLA
501 Sage Hill Dr.
Selah, WA 98942

February 19, 2009

From:

Cheryl R. Buckner
14864 east 49th St.
Yuma, AZ 85367
(206) 409-9389

To:

Arizona Corporation Commission
Consumer Services Section
1200 W. Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re:

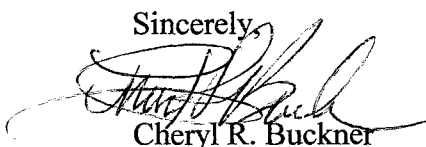
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It is not unreasonable for a company to make a profit, however it is unreasonable to allow a company to gouge its customers in order to do so. In assessing whether or not to allow this interim sewer rate increase, particularly one so outrageous, it should be remembered that the potential "insolvency" problem described in their request is the result of the business practices of Far West Water and Sewer and not the current consumers.

The current consumers purchased their properties, a good percentage of the originating from the development company also under the same ownership as the water and sewer company, expecting that the company had installed a fully functional sewer system. This was not the case, as determinations made by the ADEQ have proven. It should not be the responsibility of the consumer, who in good faith purchased property expecting a fully operational system, to finance errors made by the company.

Sincerely,



Cheryl R. Buckner

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YOUR NAME <i>ARTHUR A. ROBINSON / PATRICIA A. KERR</i>	DATE <i>Feb. 21/09</i>
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>12717 E. 47th Ave. Yuma AZ 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>928-305-6533</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: <i>FAR WEST WATER Emergency Rate Increase</i>	DOCKET NUMBER <i>WS-03478A-0608</i>
CASE OR UTILITY NAME <i>FAR WEST WATER + SEWER</i>	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS <i>harpercarrancho@telus.net</i>	

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ENTER YOUR COMMENTS HERE:

We object to this emergency rate increase because:

- A- we know that this increase will be permanent*
- inhibit thought of the real problem*
- B. We refer to statements made in our original*
- objection to the WS-03478A-0454*
- C/ Far West is a closed shop & finding out information*
- is very hard.*
- d/ feel this utility needs to be in Yuma County Control!*

If you need additional space for your comments, please use the continuation page below.

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YOUR NAME <i>HAROLD S. GREEN</i>	DATE <i>2-23-09</i>
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>11541 S DAWN DR. YUMA AZ 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>928 345 0292</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: <i>Request for an Emergency Rate Increase</i>	DOCKET NUMBER <i>WS-03478A-08-0608</i>
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Sincerely,

H. Eugene Pearson
13411 E. 53rd St.
Yuma Az. 85367

H. E. Pearson
13411 E 53rd St.
Yuma, AZ 85367-8310

February 20, 2009

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Consumer Services Section
1200 W. Washington St.
Phoenix AZ 85007

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Sincerely,

Wash W. Trevany
13114 S. Wash Lane
Yuma, Az. 85367

Janis Trevany

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YOUR NAME CHARLES A. LANE	DATE 2-23-09
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 13680 E 51ST PL YUMA, AZ 85367	YOUR PHONE NUMBER 928-305-0188
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: Far West request for emergency rate increase	DOCKET NUMBER WS-03478A-08-0608
CASE OR UTILITY NAME FAR WEST WATER & SEWER, INC.	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS	

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THIS INDEED IS AN ERROR IN MANAGEMENT OF OVER DEVELOPING SOME NEW AREAS AT THIS TIME OF AN UNCERTAIN ECONOMY. NOT ONLY WILL IT HURT MYSELF AS A RETIREE, BUT I LOOK AROUND THE AREA AND THERE ARE MANY YOUNG PEOPLE WITH CHILDREN WHO ARE UNDOUBTLY STRUGGLING AND THIS WILL PUT MORE OF A BURDEN ON THEM ALSO.

Charles A. Lane

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YOUR NAME <i>Sarah Bird</i>	DATE <i>2-23-09</i>
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>5011 West S. Glenwood Ave; Yuma, AZ 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>(928) 502-1262</i>
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Mardyth Heenan
11582 S Dawn Dr.
Yuma, AZ 85367

YOUR NAME <i>Roger & Mardyth Heenan</i>	DATE <i>2/23/09</i>
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>11582 S. Dawn Drive Yuma, Az</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>983 345-0460</i>
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YOUR NAME Ord S Shaw, Jr.	DATE 2/23/2009
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 14807 E 53rd Drive Yuma, AZ 85367	YOUR PHONE NUMBER (503) 730-1574
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: Emergency Rate Application of Far West Water & Sewer	DOCKET NUMBER WS-03478A-08-0608
CASE OR UTILITY NAME Far West Water & Sewer Company	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS ords@escapees.com	

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ENTER YOUR COMMENTS HERE:

This sudden sharp increase in fees is unconscionable. This company is asking to double its sewer fee immediately and has requested, under docket number WS-03478A-08-0454, that their fees be more than tripled. These actions, plus numerous violations and fines cited by ADEQ in recent years, calls into question the management of the company.

Rumor has it that Far West has common ownership with H&S Developers, a major player in construction in the Foothills. I'm sure the Commission will fully explore if H&S has paid inadequate development fees and therefore under funding sewer plant expansion.

I believe the request for emergency funding should be denied and any necessary

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YOUR NAME <i>Keith L. Ferguson</i>	DATE <i>2-23-09</i>
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>13693 E 54th Dr. Yuma, AZ 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: <i>Far West request for emergency rate increase</i>	DOCKET NUMBER <i>WS-03478A-08-0608</i>
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ENTER YOUR COMMENTS HERE:

*We shouldn't pay for corporate Greed
And mismanagement putting us and
Every other low income or fixed income
person living in the area in Jeopardy
it would be putting their RATES out of Reason*

Keith L. Ferguson

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YOUR NAME Ken Baer	DATE 2/21/2009
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 11591 Dawn Drive, <i>40 MA, AZ</i> 85367	YOUR PHONE NUMBER (928) 345-1972
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: Far West Sewer Emergency Rate Increase	DOCKET NUMBER WS-3478A-08-0608
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The economic picture is a little grim for all of us ... I'm retired and on a fixed income. I have to manage and work with what I have coming in.

Far West rates are already high ... and they even collect from our winter visitors who aren't even here to use the service for half the year or more.

Why do they suddenly need this emergency increase. They could easily calculate their finances ... easy to figure out how many customers they have ... thus how much will be coming in! I think they have been robbing Peter to pay Paul. Paula and Sandie own pretty much everything in the Foothills ... sounds like an in-house ponzi scheme in trouble to me!

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I strongly object to this emergency increase. I am a single parent raising two children. I am trying to keep my head above water as it is. I simply can not afford the requested rate increase they are asking you to approve.

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This latest request is a shell game! Far West could easily calculate what their revenues were going to be how come they suddenly find themselves short. Is it because H & S Development ... both companies have the same manager ... and the same owners ... is feeling the economic pinch like the rest of us? I strongly object to such a drastic rate increase. Far West should bite the bullet like the rest of us, Paula and Sandie should go without their dividends, and if they need some extra bucks go to the bank (they own that too) like the rest of us have to do.

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Dolores Christopher
11689 S Glenwood Ave
Yuma, AZ 85367

YOUR NAME <i>Dolores Christopher</i>	DATE <i>2-23-09</i>
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>11689 S Glenwood Ave Yuma, AZ 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>928-345-0277</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: Request for an Emergency Rate Increase	DOCKET NUMBER WS-03478A-08-0608
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The proposed emergency increase is absolutely ridiculous! First they want approx. 250% increase over 3 years and now, they want a 101% increase immediately. My question is why should we, who pay our bills on time, on a limited income be held responsible for their poor business & maintenance plans? Instead of maintaining, improving & enlarging the facilities they have been greedy, pocketing all monies, and letting the system go. The state & County have also enabled this behavior by allowing

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A & S do continue building and developing more lots, homes, etc even though the sewer system can't handle the existing customers. Last year the rate was increased by 9%. Now 250% & 101%!! I feel the owners behavior & lack of responsibility to their customers is the reason for the crisis they are facing. I am sure they have made enough profit over the years to handle whatever they need out of the funds they have already received from us & the recycled water used on their golf courses!

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Docket #WS-03478A-08-0608

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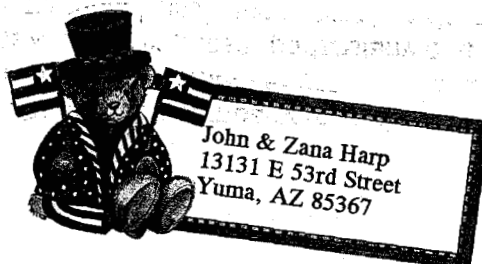
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John B Harp
Zana Lee Harp



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SHIRLEY M. INGRAM
13713 E 54th Dr
Yuma, AZ 85367

YOUR NAME <i>Shirley M Ingram</i>	DATE <i>02-23-09</i>
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>13713 E 54th DR</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>928-305-0463</i>
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Unfair costs for those of us who are on fixed incomes & paying property taxes electric & WATER rates at our primary homes. The family should have thought about the debt they incurred before they ~~had~~ over developed - We should not have to pay for their mistakes. Shirley M. Ingram

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Bill O'Connor
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Mr. Gary D. Grimmer
12544 E. 47th Dr.
Yuma AZ 85367

YOUR NAME GARY DALE GRIMMETT	DATE 2/23/2009
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 12544 E. 47TH. DR.	YOUR PHONE NUMBER (928) 345-9696
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: FARWEST WATER & SEWER RATE INCREASE	DOCKET NUMBER WS-O3478A-08-0608
CASE OR UTILITY NAME possum70@msn.com	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
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In regards to the farwest water & sewer co. rate increase is far out of range it seems they can put all these sub divisions in and expect us the people to pay for it let those that are buying into these new sub divisions pay for it or figure another way to take care of it as it is now for us to half to pay that is thier expense not ours as we all paid when we bought .we the people cannot afford it .

we started out paying \$20.00 a month and paid 6months as we are most of us are here for 6 months then they changed and had us pay year around a reasonably fee would be expected but not this outrageous increase.

So to sum it all up yes we are against the rate increase think they need to stop all this spending and take a look at the shape the country is in. Are they for getting we are in a depression and they are trying too make it worse. So take in consideration for the rest of us and slow down on thier spending

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Honorable Commission Members;

I wrote to you on 1/26/2009 objecting to the location and time of the second meeting of Far West's request for a permanent rate increase. I now see that the meeting for their emergency rate increase is going to be held in Tucson on the 6th of April. I feel that the date for this meeting is much better than the date for the second meeting on the permanent rate increase, as there will be many more property owners in the area at that time of the year. BUT, you have now scheduled it in Tucson which is farther from Yuma than Phoenix. You seem to be trying to make it even more difficult for property owner to attend these meetings. As I said in my last letter, it would make alot more sense for the 5 commission members to travel to Yuma.

I am against the amount of rate increase that Far West is asking for. If they cannot forecast their needs any better than what they seem to be doing maybe they should go

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bankrupt and Yuma County take it over. A 300% rate increase in 3 years is just totally out of line. There is not one sewer system within 100 miles that charges over \$43.00 and the City of Yuma only charges \$29.46 per month. If Far West cannot operate their system for what Yuma does maybe they should not be in the business!!!!
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Robert E. Gerberick

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The outrageous rate increase is way out of line with normal price increases. A 101.02% increase is far too much for them to request.

Any increase will make it extremely difficult for those of us on fixed income that can barely put food on the table or buy much needed medicines.

The flat rate is unfair - a couple living in a small house or RV should not be charged the same as a six member family living in a much large house with more baths.

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Grady W. Farris
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Many customers in this area purchased their properties from the original developer, H & S Developers, who were the same owners of Far West Water & Sewer. They purchased their properties in good faith and expected the water to be safe and the sewer to be fully functional and complete. The other customers who purchased their properties from a builder, as we did, were told that we had safe drinking water and a fully functional sewer in place. This obviously was not so as we now are aware of the 9/10/08 lawsuit by ADEQ & the Attorney General against Far West Water & Sewer and H & S Developers. We the customers should not have to finance the errors (intentional or not) made by H & S Developers and Far West Water & Sewer Co for not building sewage plants that were adequate in size & in compliance with codes and safety regulations of the ADEQ and any other local/state governing agencies.

We strongly urge the Arizona Corporation Commission to REJECT the exorbitant increase of rates requested by Far West Water & Sewer Co. especially in these tough economic times for all.

Sincerely,

Jerry M Klinger & Jerry Klinger
14858 E. 52ND ST.
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We agree with all the above statements

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Yuma, AZ 85365

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I drove thru The New Subdivision that H. & S. is building, and then asked FAR West how much money they contributed to them for sewer upgrade. No one could give me a number on this.

I think FAR West knew well in advance they were in need of an upgrade, but the same people that run both company's seem to want there customers to provide all the money they need to cover up there miss management

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This to me sounds like greed or poor management - you tell me - so you get bailed out - who helps us - I'm sure if our water & sewer aren't paid you not going to help us - are ~~you~~ taking a cut in pay? ~~THAT~~ AS FAR WEST?

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*Layne and Sandra Brown
14863 E. 51st St.
Yuma, AZ 85367*

Step 2

YOUR NAME Sandra S Brown	DATE 2/23/2009
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DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: Far West Water & Sewer Company Request for an Emergen	DOCKET NUMBER WS-03478A-08-0608
CASE OR UTILITY NAME Far West Water & Sewer Company	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS lcssbrown@roadrunner.com	

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I wish to express my strong opposition to the request for an emergency rate increase of 101.02 % increase for its sewer utility service. Their long term permanent rate increase request was insulting enough but to try now to shove through and interim emergency increase defies all common sense.

As I stated in my letter protesting the pemanent increase this area is inhabited by a very large population of senior citizens on limited, fixed incomes. To expect these people to be able to manage an increase of this proportion is totally ridiculous.

This company has gotten by for years of building sub standard facilities and failing even to maintain those facilities in a responsible manner. Additionally, they have continued to over-develop the area, adding new homes, selling lots to potential home builders without

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having the means to provide adequate sewer service.

If they are so near insolvency they should begin to sell off their holdings in other properties and learn to operate their businesses in a responsible manner. To expect their existing customers to "bail them out" is unconscionable.

Layne C. Brown
Sandra S. Brown

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Mr. & Mrs. H. M. Warren
13756 E. 49th Street
Yuma, AZ 85367

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YOUR NAME HERMAN M. + KARON K. WARREN	DATE 2-20-09
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 13756 E. 49TH ST. YUMA, AZ 85367	YOUR PHONE NUMBER 541-580-0675
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: WS-03478A-08-0608	DOCKET NUMBER WS-03478A-08-0608
CASE OR UTILITY NAME FAR WEST WATER + SEWER, INC	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS JKwar1@yahoo.com	

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SEE COMMENTS FOR DOCKET NO. WS-03478A-08-0454
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EVERYTHING IS A CRISIS NOWADAYS, IF THIS IS AN
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TO THE SYSTEM?

Karon K. Warren
HMMWarren

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Sincerely,

Donnette Sitreant

13141 E 53rd St.

Yuma, AZ
85367



Tel: 928-345-0911

Arizona Corporation Commission
Consumer Services Section
1200 West Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Reference: Docket #WS-03478A-08-0608

Dear Sir:

Since sending my last letter (copy attached), I have been informed that the owners of the Far West Water & Sewer company own both it and H & S Development company, the developers of the property in this area. H & S has a new development area that they developed recently south of E 48th Street and west of S Foothills Blvd. I already see new residential structures going in on this property.

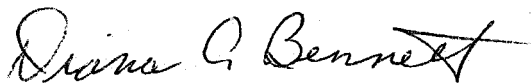
After going to your meeting, held here in Yuma almost 2 years ago, it was my understanding that you would be stopping all future development and were going to fine Far West Water & Sewer until they corrected the sewer problems. Did they ever correct those problems at that time? I don't think so. I understand their solution was to haul the sewage elsewhere by truck. Was anything accomplished with that meeting 2 years ago? Did you work with Yuma County, Building Permit Division to stop further development?

I and many others will be at your meeting on March 5th, 2009 at Sunrise Elementary School. I hope something can be accomplished then.

I still feel more than ever that Far West Water & Sewer company needs a thorough audit for the protection of us the consumers. Do you have the authority to require an audit before granting their wishes? These new rate wish increases appear to me to be extremely high when compared to others. Where have all the monies gone from the latest rate increase only a few years ago, when we started paying every month all year instead of when we were actually here. Most of us in this area are only here thru the winter 4 to 6 months. So I definitely feel an audit of this company is needed now and before any rate increase is granted.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Diana C. Bennett
14793 E 48th Drive
Yuma, AZ 85367
E-mail address: diana0075dd@Yahoo.com

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1200 West Washington
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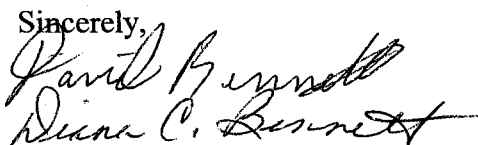
Dear Sir:

We live in the Foothill area of Yuma and have just received a public notification regarding the sewer charges will be going up - up - up!!! When we purchased our property in 2004 or 5, we only had to pay the sewer for the time period we used the property. Then quickly it went to a 12 month fee for everyone in the area. Thereby the sewer company was getting at least double what they had been getting. It is presently at \$21.75 per month. They are asking for an increase to \$54.38 per month and then to \$64.16 per month and then to \$74.32 per month. I believe this needs the audit of an outside concern to determine what is really needed and what charges would be fair for the residents of this area to pay. Is this another "Bail Out" or bonus pay out to the CEO's of this Sewer company or is it really justified?

Note: We have another property in Washington State that we are using for a comparison of Sewer charges. That is \$37.09 per month for residential use. Their costs to run their system, we believe, are higher since they cover a larger area with less residents to the square footage.

Therefore if you grant their rate change please advise us on how it can be justified.

Sincerely,

The block contains two handwritten signatures. The first signature is "David Bennett" in cursive. The second signature is "Diana C. Bennett" in cursive.

Mr. & Mrs. David Bennett
14793 E 48th Drive
Yuma, AZ 85367

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MARGRETTE M. SPARKS
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YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS NONE	

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BASED ON THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION, we the customers of Far West Water and Sewer Co., would like to ask the Arizona Corporation Commission to NOT APPROVE the application submitted by Far west water and Sewer Company. Docket No. WS-03478A-08-0454.

A. Far West provides water and sewer services to the Foothills area east of Yuma. There are approximately 8000 residential and commercial customers in this unincorporated area of Yuma County, who would receive a rate increase of over 200% over a period of three years. Once approved this new rate will be the permanent rate and will continue until Far West decides to raise the rates again.

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C. In 2006 Farwest Water & Sewer finally came in to compliance with ADEQ. The company has now since expanded its lagoon by 300%. We speculate that this effort was only put forth to compensate for the recent Subdivision that H&HS Development Co. just started.

D. H & S Development Co. recently opened El Rancho Encantado a new subdivision of RV Homes which consists of 219 sites with two RV hookups including Electrical service, sewer dump & water on each site. This is phase one of the project with two more phases to come. We question whether or not this latest request for a rate increase is designed to help pay for the new Wastewater Plant needed to support this new development?

E. Winter Residents currently flock to Yuma because of the weather, and because it is economically feasible to maintain a second home here. Winter residents increase Yuma's population each year by more than 80,000 people with the majority living in the Foothills. This population will be especially affected by this increase because for 6-8 months out of the year they pay for their sewer fees despite being unable to flush their toilets because they have returned to their primary residence.

F. Of the Year round Foothills residents there is still a large majority of Retirees living on a fixed income. Many more are the working class. If the proposed increase passes it would only succeed in further devastating the local economy. There are many folks who live paycheck to paycheck as it is. A fee increase as proposed could potentially force many people to sell or foreclose. With the housing market as it is today, this will only add to the declining economy.

In Conclusion

- We don't feel that Current customers should incur the costs necessary to cover a new Wastewater Plant needed to compensate for future growth. At most this cost should be absorbed by impact fees on the new lots being developed.
- We believe they have not suggested this because it would reduce the parent Company's building profits, in part due to the recession limiting the builder's inability to charge more than the market will bear.
- We further feel that this increase is also being requested as a direct result of negligence on the part of the Water Company, Farwest Water & Sewer. It appears as if they were negligent in poor planning to prevent numerous ADEQ violations.

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- We the customers of Farwest do not feel that is a cost that should be transferred to current customers.
- We feel that Far West Water and Sewer Co. should have maintained the current facilities as repeated violations were submitted since 1990 from ADEQ as well as the September 9, 2008, 49 page complaint in Maricopa County Superior Court in which 50 counts were filed against these companies for wastewater violations. In 2006 the plant finally came into compliance with ADEQ receiving permission to allow more hookups. Maintaining is what the company should have focused on, but instead they recently increased their lagoon by 300 percent.

THEREFORE, we feel that this enormous increase is not justified. We the current owners feel that the extra charges requested are to aid H&S Developers and Far West Water & Sewer in paying Settlements incurred due to a law suit and penalties owed to ADEQ for lack of safety. We also feel it is possible that Farwest is trying to offset the costs incurred by the parent Companies new development on 48th Street. Their lack of sales and poor investments are not our responsibility. Farwest and H&S Developers, for years should have been investing their revenues in maintaining the system they have in place. If that had been the case they would not be requesting this aid currently.

Other Cities in Arizona* have been investigated and it has been found that they have seen rate increases of 5-9.5%. A small percentage is acceptable and necessary, but 200+% IS NOT. We the customers cannot afford this increase. We hope you will consider our concerns and VOTE NAY on this application. Thank You!

Dated this 12th day of February, 2009

*Average Sewer Rates around Arizona:

Sierra Vista (Rate increase of 5% total initiated Jan. 1, 2009): \$14.68/month

Tucson: \$23.61/month Rate Increase of 9.5% initiated July 1, 2008

Phoenix: \$28.50/month Proposed Rate increase of 5%

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Sincerely,

Richard L. Francis
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Yuma, AZ 85367
phone: 928-342-9840



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Carole R. Wells
13394 E. 54th Dr.
Yuma, AZ 85367-8455

YOUR NAME <i>CAROLE R. WELLS</i>	DATE <i>2-23-09</i>
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Sincerely,

Frank J. ...
13270 E 53 St.

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Position on the Docket: Con

I am amazed and appalled at the Far West Water and Sewer Company's proposed increase in sewer fees.

It is quite apparent that the proposed increase has been requested in order to pay off debt incurred to finance the improvements needed to bring the current system into compliance with the ADEQ requirements and to allow for future development of the system. The cost of these improvements should not be the responsibility of the present consumer; it should be the responsibility of the company which **obviously ignored** the requirements in the first place.

It should also be noted that by increasing the capacity of the system, the family which also owns much of the vacant land and the major development business in the Foothills area will stand to gain by being able to further develop their land without a major investment on their part.

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Sincerely,

Frank Jan J.
13270 E 53 st

February 18, 2009

To: Arizona Corporation Commission

Consumer Services Section

1200 W. Washington St.

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: Docket Number [REDACTED]

Docket Number WS-03478A-08-0608 Emergency

Proposed rate increase for Far West Water & Sewer

Far West Water and Sewer, Yuma, Arizona

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4. The majority of the residents both permanent and seasonal, living in the Foothills area are on fixed incomes. A fee increase as proposed could potentially force many people to sell or suffer foreclosure. With today's housing crisis a rate increase such as proposed would further add to the declining economy.

IN CONCLUSION

We don't feel that we, the current customers should incur the costs necessary to cover a new wastewater plant needed to compensate for future growth. This cost should be absorbed by impact fees on new subdivision developments.

We strongly feel that this increase is also being requested as a direct result of negligence on the part of Far West Water and Sewer Co. It certainly appears that they were negligent in their planning to prevent numerous ADEQ violations.

We feel that Far West Water and Sewer Co should have up dated the current facilities as far back as 1990 when repeated violations were recorded. These allegations are not assumptions. Records show that repeated violations have been submitted since 1990 from ADEQ. In September 9, 2008, a 49 page complaint in Maricopa County Superior Court was filed against these companies for wastewater violations. We feel that the extra charges requested are to aid H&S Developers and Far West Water and Sewer in paying settlements incurred due to law suits and penalties owed to ADEQ for the negligence.

Far West Water and Sewer is trying to offset the costs incurred in their new development on 48th Street with our dollars. Their lack of sales and poor investments are not our responsibility. It is common knowledge that Far West Water and Sewer and H&S Development have been investing their revenues in future developments instead of maintaining the system that is currently in place. If attention had been given to proper maintenance of the system the Company would not now be requesting this unrealistic cost increase. Other cities in Arizona, when requesting an increase have ranged from 5% to 9% certainly not 200%.

In the present day and age with the economy such as it is we the customers cannot afford this enormous, unrealistic increase. We ask that you seriously consider our concerns and VOTE UNANIMOUSLY again such a ridiculous scheme.

Thank you in advance for your consideration to a very serious problem.

ROBERT M WALKER

NAME

Robert M Walker

NAME

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YUMA AZ 85365

CITY, STATE AND ZIP

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RE: Docket Number [REDACTED]

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Far West Water and Sewer, Yuma, Arizona

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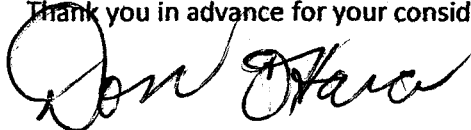
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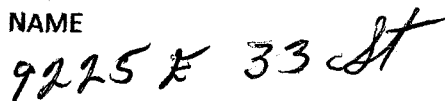
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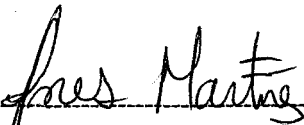
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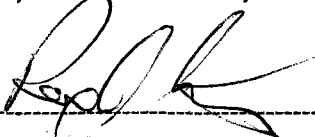
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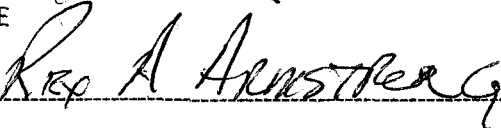
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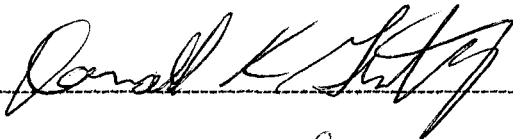
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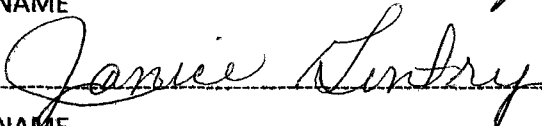
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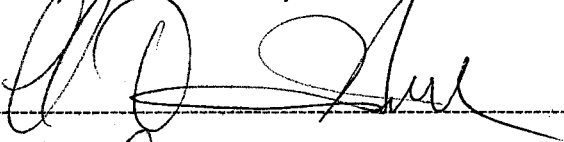
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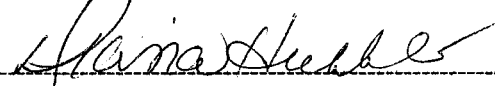
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will be an extreme financial
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on Social Security and a very
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Please deny this enormous
increase and look into possible
mismanagement of this company.

Sincerely,

Shirley Soto

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Dated this 12th day of February, 2009

William L. Walling

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**BARBARA GILKEY
14784 E. 49TH STREET
YUMA AZ 85367
(928) 345-2468**

February 19, 2009

Arizona Corporation Commission
Consumer Services Section
1200 W. Washington St.
Phoenix AZ 85007

Re:

Docket for Comment: Proposed Emergency Application for Interim Rates and Charges
(Expedited Action Requested) for Far West Water & Sewer

Case or Utility Name: Far West Water and Sewer Company, Yuma, Arizona

Docket #WS-03478A-08-0608

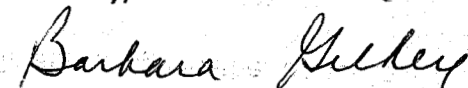
Position on the Docket: Con

A request has been filed by Far West Water and Sewer Company which is trying to expedite a rate change by requesting an interim rate increase. This increase comes to over 100% of the existing rate of \$21.75 per month now being charged. A small increase can be expected periodically as the cost of living rises, but to expect the end consumer to finance incompetence and/or greed is not acceptable.

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Sincerely,



Barbara Gilkey

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YOUR NAME Betty & Norman Miller	DATE 2/20/2009
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 13838 E. 50th Street	YOUR PHONE NUMBER (928) 342-3949
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: Emergency Rate Application	DOCKET NUMBER WS-03478A-08-0608
CASE OR UTILITY NAME Far West Water & Sewer Company	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS norbet1936@yahoo.com	

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We are very much opposed to Far West Water & Sewer Co. (Company) filing an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission for an emergency increase in annual revenues for sewer service. Why do they need so much money? Will this be going to cover some law suits they have against them? How will this increase benefit the user?

We don't mind a little increase to cover current costs but if this application is approved we would be paying close to \$900 annually just to flush our toilets! Good grief! That doesn't even take into consideration our water usage. We are only here in Yuma less than 180 days each winter. There needs to be an adjustment from the Company for winter residents.

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If the Company is allowed to increase their revenues according to their application, we are afraid we may have to consider giving up our retirement winter home here in Yuma. We are on a fixed income and doubt whether we could keep up with the rates the Company wants to charge us. Besides, who ever heard of a utility charging more than the annual county tax we pay on our home? That's like robbing the residents.

Please accept this opposition from Betty & Norm Miller towards the Company's proposal. We are very much against their application.

Thank you for listening.

Betty & Norm Miller

February 19, 2009

Arizona Corporation Commission
Consumer Services Section
1200 W. Washington St.
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DOCKET # WS-03478A-08-0608
Position on the Docket: CON

A new public notice of the hearing on Far West Water & Sewer Co.'s request for "An Emergency Rate Increase", Docket # WS-03478A-08-0608 was received by us on 2-19-09 via mail. This mailing was preceded by a mailing in January 2009 for a three year increase of rates Docket # WS-03478A-08-0454. This appears to be an UNDERHANDED PLOY by Far West Water & Sewer Co. to EXPEDITE their request for an increase of over 200+% as in Docket # WS-03478A-08-0454. It would be unreasonable for this "Emergency Increase" of over 100% to go into effect.

Many customers in this area purchased their properties from the original developer, H & S Developers, who were the same owners of Far West Water & Sewer. They purchased their properties in good faith and expected the water to be safe and the sewer to be fully functional and complete. The other customers who purchased their properties from a builder, as we did, were told that we had safe drinking water and a fully functional sewer in place. This obviously was not so as we now are aware of the 9/10/08 lawsuit by ADEQ & the Attorney General against Far West Water & Sewer and H & S Developers. We the customers should not have to finance the errors (intentional or not) made by H & S Developers and Far West Water & Sewer Co for not building sewage plants that were adequate in size & in compliance with codes and safety regulations of the ADEQ and any other local/state governing agencies.

We strongly urge the Arizona Corporation Commission to REJECT the exorbitant increase of rates requested by Far West Water & Sewer Co. especially in these tough economic times for all.

Sincerely,

Judy Daniken
14824 E. 49th St.
Yuma AZ 85367
928-342-6048

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DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: Proposed Rate increase for Far West Water & Sewer	DOCKET NUMBER 0608 WS-03478A-08-0608
CASE OR UTILITY NAME Far West Water and Sewer, Yuma Arizona	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
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BASED ON THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION, we the customers of Far West Water and Sewer Co., would like to ask the Arizona Corporation Commission to NOT APPROVE the application submitted by Far west water and Sewer Company. Docket No. WS-03478A-08-0608

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CASE OR UTILITY NAME Far West Sewer	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input type="radio"/> OTHER <input checked="" type="radio"/>
YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS riche_718@hotmail.com	

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This type of thinking by Far West Sewer Inc. shows total disregard for the people in this area of Yuma Arizona that are retired and on fixed incomes, not to say for the recessive economic times of the United States.

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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>11626 S. Dorothy Dr, Yuma, AZ 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>928-305-0528</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: Request for an Emergency Rate Increase	DOCKET NUMBER WS-03478A-08-0608
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>12751 E 417TH LANE YUMA AZ 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>619-922-6267</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: Far West request for emergency rate increase	DOCKET NUMBER WS-03478A-08-0608
CASE OR UTILITY NAME <i>FAR WEST WATER & SEWER YUMA AZ</i>	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
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As a customer of Far West Water & Sewer Co I request the Arizona Corp. Commission Not to approve the application for Docket No WS-03478A-08-0454. This would represent a rate increase of over 200%

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Bonnie J. Farris
13267 E. 53 St.
Yuma, AZ 85367

February 21, 2009

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Position on the Docket: Con

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INREGARDS TO THE FARWEST WATER & SEWER CO. RATE INCREASE IS FAR OUT OF RANGE IT SEEMS THEY CAN PUT ALL THESE SUB DIVISIONS IN AND THEN EXPECT US TO PAY FOR IT WHICH IS'NT RIGHT LET THEM FIGURE ANOTHER WAY TO TAKE CARE OF THEM ITS NOT FAIR AND WE THE PEOPLE CAN'T AFFORD IT'

WE STARTED OUT PAYING \$20.00 AMONTH AND PAID FOR 6 MONTHS AS WE ARE HERE FOR 6 MONTHS THEN THEY CHANGED THAT AND HAVE US PAY YEAR AROUND AND ALSO RAISED THE FEE .NOW THEY ARE ASKING A COMPLETELY OUT OF RANGE RATE INCREASE.

SO TO SUM IT ALL UP YES WE ARE AGAINST THE RATE INCREASE WE COULD GO FOR A REASONABLE RAISE WITH IN REASON MAKE IT SOMETHHING PEOPLE COULD AFFORD.

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DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: WS-03478A-08-0608	DOCKET NUMBER WS-03478A-08-0608
CASE OR UTILITY NAME Janwest Water + Sewer Co	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS Charde@Juno. Com	

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Jan West Water + Sewer Co.s request for a price request as a emergency increase proposal amount is ludicrous. John + Jane Doe are once again being Ashed or (forced) to financially "bail out a Co. who has made some costly decisions. Jan West Sewer not only wants this emergency increase but also an Interior increase. Cooler heads must prevail. Do not grant their request in light of the exorbitant amount they seek.

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RE: ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>13201 E 45th DR Yuma AZ 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>206-547-7779</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: Interm Emergency Rate Increase	DOCKET NUMBER WS-03478A-08-0608
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Regarding your "Interm Emergency Rate Increase?" in annual Sewer services! This is an "overly extreme hike in revenue increases! This is not acceptable! You folks did it wrong when you started the process! You have presented an entirely impossible solution. People in the Foothills cannot afford this!!! Especially when the Sewer is only being used for $\frac{1}{2}$ the year by most of us. We should only pay for 6 months!

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Position on the Docket: Con

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1483 E 45th Pl
Yuma AZ 85367

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CASE OR UTILITY NAME FAR WEST Sewer	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS djtice@msn.com	

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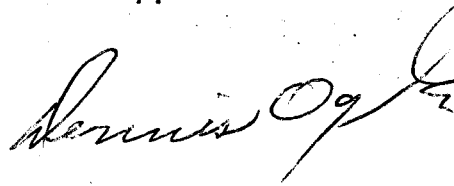
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DOCKET # WS-03478A-08-0608
Position on the Docket: CON

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Plus most of the people that live in the Foothills area are elderly & on a fixed income & can't afford a raise like that & most of us are only here 6 mo's out of the yr.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Figg

*Mr & Mrs John Figg
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Sandra Williams

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These same comments will be submitted regarding WS-03478A-08-0454. It is probably hard for the average citizen to know all of the factors that might play a role in any such request, but it is clear in this case that the financial problems for this company are in part mismanagement and the owners relation to "H&S Development Co."
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The current rate policies are already unfair, as winter visitors (part time) occupants are required to pay for sewer service year round, even though their properties are vacant, without water service, for most of the year. I have been told that requiring year round charges was built into a 1994 plan, and is considered a compliance issue. Regardless, *why should policies that are not imposed on citizens in Municipal sewer districts be necessary in this case.* You will hear much testimony about how the sewer rates and policies of Far West compare to other districts, so it will be obvious that the proposed rates by Far West are not fair. Let H&S Development pay their own way.

I would not support an increase to over \$29 and I believe the year round charge should be amended,

Jay Genteman

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YOUR NAME SALVADOR D PIAZZA	DATE 2/21/09
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 13889 E 51st St. YUMA ARIZONA 85367	YOUR PHONE NUMBER 928-365-1758
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: # WS-03478A-08-0608	DOCKET NUMBER # WS-03478A-08-0608
CASE OR UTILITY NAME FAR West SEWER + WATER	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS	

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<p><u>PLEASE</u></p> <p>LOOK INTO MANAGEMENT OF this COMPANY. Housing HAS TAKEN big Hit IN this STATE ALREADY. (SEE ATTACHED)</p>

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We are against the 200% increase in sewer rates. We feel any rate increase would be too much considering we are winter residents for 6 months and when we leave they still charge us a monthly fee, with water turned off. As there is no water going into sewer, that would mean, NO processing, so where does that money go??

We feel for people with a modest income that come down here to enjoy your state and sunshine. This is quite expensive.

In our case this will be more than our taxes.

To go one step farther, how about our property values? Who is going to buy property with this albatross tied to it?? We have already taken a hit on our property values with the financial slow down.

I hope the commission will look into Far West Water & Sewer management. We have only been property owners her for 3 years, but have certainly heard unfavorable stories about Far West.

*Thank You for taking our comments,
Sal & Suzie Piazza*

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YOUR NAME Millie Larson	DATE 2/20/2009
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 9573 E 36th PL Yuma, AZ 85365	YOUR PHONE NUMBER (928) 345-9445
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: Emergency Rate Increase	DOCKET NUMBER WS-03478A-08-0608
CASE OR UTILITY NAME Far West Water & Sewer Company - Yuma, Arizona	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS larsonmd@q.com	

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This rate emergency increase should not be approved. The State Department of Health should investigate the sewer system for the Vista Del Sol Development. This is a health problem.

Far West Water and Sewer Company should be paying all occupants of the Vista Del Sol Development to use their system. The stench from their lagoon is so bad you cannot be outside when the wind is blowing from the South. Even a gentle southern breeze brings the stench from the lagoon. The snowbirds in their RV's and the year-round residents cannot eat outside or socialize when the breeze comes from the south. The seasonal residents cannot enjoy Yuma's fantastic weather, and that is why they come to Yuma. If you have a window open at night in your bedroom, the stench will wake you up.

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It is not our fault the sewer system at Vista Del Sol was installed on clay soil that will not allow the holding ponds to filter into the soil, and Far West now has to daily truck affluent from the holding ponds to who knows where. It has been reported that the stench is not harmful to residents, but a test from a State or National Health Department would be more meaningful than a test from the local Health Department.

We should not be asked to pay more for inadequate service.

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YOUR NAME <i>LARRY DON LINDSEY</i>	DATE <i>2-20-09</i>
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>13590 E. 54th STREET YUMA, AZ 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>360-319-2882</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: <i>Far West request for emergency rate increase</i>	DOCKET NUMBER <i>WS-03478A-08-0608</i>
CASE OR UTILITY NAME	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
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In these times, nothing is looking very good. I'm a single person, living in yuma year around. It not fair for me to pay such high sewer bill being only one person. If a family of six or more pay the same as me, I'm sure they use the sewer more than I, washing clothe, Bath room usage. I think your sewer Bill should be based on the amount of water used, & no way should this bill be higher than your property tax. People like myself can not afford an increase so high, Thank you

Larry Don Lindsey

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February 20, 2009

Arizona Corporation Commission
Consumer Services Section
1200 W. Washington St.
Phoenix AZ 85007

Re:

Docket for Comment: Proposed Emergency Application for Interim Rates and Charges
(Expedited Action Requested) for Far West Water & Sewer
Case or Utility Name: Far West Water and Sewer Company, Yuma, Arizona
Docket #WS-03478A-08-0608
Position on the Docket: Con

Far West Water and Sewer Company is trying to expedite a rate change by requesting an interim rate increase. This increase comes to over 100% of the existing rate of \$21.75 per month now charged whether the consumer is using his/her property and therefore sewer services for twelve months, for six months or even only for one month per year.

It is not unreasonable to expect a company to make a profit, but it is unreasonable to allow a company to gouge its customers in order to do so. In assessing whether or not to allow this interim sewer rate increase, particularly one so outrageous, it should be remembered that the potential "insolvency" problem described in their request is the result of the business practices of Far West Water and Sewer and not the current consumers.

The current consumers purchased their properties, a good percentage of them originating from the development company also under the same ownership as the water and sewer company, expecting that the company had installed a fully functional sewer system. This was not the case, as determinations made by the ADEQ have proven. It should not be the responsibility of the consumer, who in good faith purchased property expecting a fully operational system, to finance the errors made by the company.

Sincerely,

James E. Hill

James Hill
14874 E 49th St.
Yuma, AZ 85367-5231

February 20, 2009

Arizona Corporation Commission
Consumer Services Section
1200 W. Washington St.
Phoenix AZ 85007

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Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Ruff

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February 21, 2009

**ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION
CONSUMER SERVICERS SECTION
1200 WEST WASHINGTON
PHOENIX, AZ. 85007**

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Reference Docket No. WS-03478A-08-0608

I have received another notification that Far West Water & Sewer Company is requesting an emergency rate increase in residential rates of over 100%.

Presently my sewer charges are \$ 21.75 each month. They are asking you to raise my rate to \$45.59 per month. To me, and many of my neighbors this is unaffordable.

Everyone I have talked to about this matter agrees the increase is excessive.

I respectfully request that you not grant this unreasonable rate increase.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Denney

Arizona Corporation Commission

Consumer services Section

1200 W. Washington

Phoenix, AZ 85007

13262 E. 54th Dr.

Yuma, AZ 85367

Feb. 23, 2009

Docket # WS-03478A-08-0608

Commissioners:

We have received the public notice and read in the local newspaper about the application of Far West Water & Sewer Co. for a rate increase in the sewer Rates. At first we couldn't really believe what we were reading. Then it began to sink in. We still can't believe the request is really the result of sane thinking. And to suggest that an emergency exists is ludicrous.

I have been a city engineer for several years, been a staff member and administrator for the Washington State Dept of Ecology and a city council member for 2 terms and have considerable experience in waste water treatment including operation, maintenance and funding. Their request reflects on their very poor operation of facilities, terrible administration, and very bad financing plans. It smacks of General Motors requesting a bail-out! I can't help but think greed is a part of the request.

I am sure their recent lawsuits and requirements of AZ. DEQ have strained their budgets and required some serious thinking about how to meet these requirements. But to treble the monthly service fees is an insult to the rate-payers as well as their intelligence. And in talking with our neighbors we find it will mean several will not be able to stay in their homes should the rate increase as requested be approved. And without exception they are vehemently opposed to the increase as proposed. They recognize costs have risen over the past several years. About 3 years ago Far West began requiring payment for every month of the year as opposed to the previous practice of billing for only those months of use. That was nice for the winter visitors but there were few complaints. Many of us thought that significant rise in revenue should cover their increased costs. That in combination with the new development that is now connected to the system will further their revenue sources.

Such a request during this time of recession makes it all the more terrible.

We are looking forward to the public comment meeting.

Sincerely;


Eugene Asselstine and Twila Asselstine